



Sycamore Lions Club

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Press Release - for Immediate Release

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Subject: 59th Annual Sycamore Lions Club Decorated Pumpkin Display

Despite the cancellation of the Sycamore Pumpkin Festival this year due to COVID-19, the Sycamore Lions Club will still host a Decorated Pumpkin Contest to continue the legacy of Sycamore Lion Wally Thurow. The event will be modified to minimize contact, and it will follow the CDC and Illinois State Department of Health recommendations for the pandemic.

The event this year will be held at the Sycamore Park on Airport road October 21st through October 25th. The display area will be located by the Lions and Good Tymes shelters in the park. Set up will be October 21st and 22nd from 8AM to 6PM followed by viewing on October 23rd through 4PM on October 25th. Judging of the pumpkins will occur a day later Friday October 23rd this year. Pumpkins may be collected from 4PM on Sunday the 25th through 4PM Monday the 26th. Any items remaining after 4PM on Monday, October 26th will be disposed of.

Registration this year will be done on-line to eliminate person to person contact. A link to the on-line registration forms may be found on the Sycamore Lions website or Facebook page. The event will allow two days for set-up to allow for social distancing, and viewing will be limited to drive by viewing from your vehicle during park hours (dawn to dusk). For everyone's health and safety, no one will be allowed to exit their vehicle during the drive by viewing periods. The Sycamore Lions will video tape the display this year and post a link on their website and Facebook pages for those who are unable to view the display in person.

The Lions members will not have registration forms at the park, and they will not assign entry numbers this year. During registration, a unique ID will be assigned to each entry which must be attached to the entry. Participants will be required to label their own display using waterproof markers and place it in a sealed baggie or zip-lock bag attached to the display. A list of the rules and conditions for participating must be accepted during registration to participate in the event this year.

Please visit the Sycamore Lions website at <http://www.sycamorelions.org> or their Facebook Page for additional information.

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